

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/005420

Box No. I	Basis of the report
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p>
2.	<p>With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (<i>replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report</i>):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description:</p> <p>pages <u>1-17</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims:</p> <p>nos. <u>3</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19</p> <p>nos.* <u>1, 2, 4-10</u> _____ received by this Authority on <u>16.02.2005</u></p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings:</p> <p>sheets <u>fig. 1-6</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.</p>
3.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>
4.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
1. Statement	
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-10 YES Claims NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-10 YES Claims NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10 YES Claims NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)	
	Document 1: JP 2003-087023 A (Toshiba Corp.), 20 March 2003, entire text, all drawings
	Document 2: JP 2001-312336 A (Toshiba Corp.), 09 November 2001, entire text, all drawings
	Document 3: JP 2001-312339 A (Toshiba Corp.), 09 November 2001, entire text, all drawings
	Document 4: JP 2000-172376 A (Toshiba Corp.), 23 June 2000, entire text, all drawings
	Document 5: JP 06-037695 A (International Business Machines Corp.), 10 February 1994, entire text, all drawings
	Document 6: JP 11-098046 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 09 April 1999, entire text and fig. 1, 3, 11 and 13
	Document 7: JP 09-188196 A (Tokai Rika Co., Ltd.), 22 July 1997, entire text, all drawings
	Document 8: JP 2002-293131 A (Denso Corp.), 09 October 2002, paragraphs [0012] to [0014] and fig. 1
	Document 9: JP 07-183844 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 21 July 1995, entire text and fig. 2, 4 and 5
	Document 10: JP 04-134907 A (Toyota Central Research And Development Laboratories, Inc.), 08 May 1992, entire text and fig. 1, 4, 5, 8, 10,

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12 and 17

Claims 1 to 10

The invention that is set forth in claims 1 to 10
is not disclosed or suggested in documents 1 to 10, which
are cited in the international search report.